

Appl. No. 10/827,478
Amendment dated 10/26/2007
Reply to Office Action of 09/27/2007

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Remarks

Applicant's reply filed on 10-26-2007 to the 9-27/2007 Restriction/Election office action was not considered fully responsive, as per the 12-19-2007 further office action (as summarized below).

Applicant's reply filed on 26 October 2007 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The Requirement for Restriction/Election sent 27 September 2007 required Applicant to elect, in addition to a single group from among Groups I-IV:

"a single disclosed species of hydrocarbyl functional organopolysiloxane from among those listed in Claims 1 and 3.

By single disclosed species, it is meant that Applicant elect one compound, defining each and every variable present on the compound. For example, if Applicant elects a compound of Claim 1, the variables of R, R¹, R² and a must be defined, the definition being limited to a single explicit value. Alternatively, if Applicant elects a compound of Claim 3, the variable R must be limited to a single and specific alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aralkyl, or aryl value, as per the claim. If present, x, y, z, m and n must be assigned a single value. In other words, Applicant must elect a single compound, and not a group of compounds wherein the R¹ group is defined and all other values left generic, as Applicant did in the response.

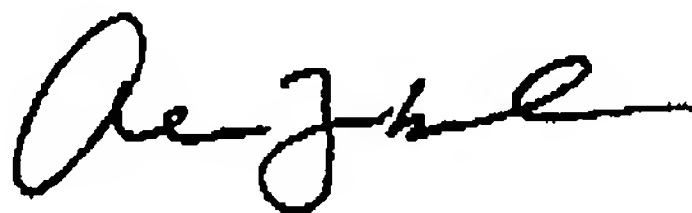
In response to the 12-19-2007 office action, Applicant elects the compound of Claim 1 where R = methyl, R¹ = -CH₂CH₂CH₂OCH₂CH₂OH, (which implies R² = -CH₂CH₂CH₂-), and a = 1.

Claims 1 - 7, 9, 11 and 12 read on this election. Applicant traverses this election for the reasons stated in its 10-26-2007 reply.

The present response is being submitted within the one-month shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action. Applicant authorizes the USPTO to charge deposit account 04-1520 for any fees that should be necessary to maintain the pendency of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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